
Delaware River Sojourn 2002 – Day Five

Daily Plan ~ Day 5

Wednesday, June 5, 2002

Day Coordinator: Linda Mead, Delaware & Raritan
Greenway

**Belle Mountain Access (Fireman's Eddy),
Lambertville, N.J. to Yardley, Pa.**

8 Miles ~ Gently moving water, some riffles and Class 1 rapids.



Campers will breakfast at 7:00 A.M. at Tohickon Valley Park, load private boats and depart at 8:00 A.M. via shuttle for put-in at Belle Mountain Access, Lambertville, N.J.

* All Sojourners should pack dry clothes for the evening reception

- 7:30 A.M. Registration for day-trippers at Yardley, Pa. Access (afternoon take-out site)
- 8:15 A.M. Shuttle departs Yardley Access for put-in at Belle Mountain Access
- 9:00 A.M. Safety talk
- 9:30 A.M. Launch at Belle Mountain Access (Fireman's Eddy) after the morning presentation of the Lord/Lady High Admiral
- 11:00 A.M. Land on the Pennsylvania shore at Washington Crossing Historic Park and travel back in time with General George Washington to Christmas night 1776. Join in a revolutionary celebration of the Delaware with federal and state legislators.
- 11:45 A.M. Launch your boat with General George Washington. Celebrate history as you follow the historic "jolly boat" across to N.J. with George at the helm.
- 12:00 P.M. Land on the New Jersey shore to a greeting by New Jersey officials
- 12:30 P.M. A colonial lunch feast will be presented by Susan Plaisted, Hearth to Hearth Cookery, at the "Riverside Picnic Area," Washington Crossing State Park, N.J.
Lunch Program at the "Riverside Picnic Area" -- Susan Plaisted will provide a presentation on colonial cooking
Continue with George Washington in a march to the Johnson-Ferry House, where the General spent Christmas night 1776 waiting for his troops to arrive
- 1:00 P.M. Lunch Program at "main park area" -- join Nancy Cepperly, Interpretive Guide at Washington Crossing State Park, for colonial demonstrations and a tour of the period Johnson-Ferry House. Hear from Mark Di Ionno, author of [A Guide to New Jersey's Revolutionary War Trail](#), speak about how the Delaware River influenced the founding of our country.

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- 2:00 P.M. Resume paddling
- 4:00 P.M. Take-out at Yardley Access. Load campers' private boats on shuttle for overnight storage. Load day-trippers' private boats on vehicles.
- 4:30 P.M. Board shuttle to New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, N.J.
- 5:00 P.M. Inaugural Reception at the New Jersey State Museum. View the latest exhibit, "River of Leisure," featuring recreational uses of the Delaware River. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by The Friends of The State Museum.
- 7:00 P.M. Depart the State Museum. Sojourners will be shuttled back to the Yardley Access take-out where day-trippers' vehicles are parked. Campers will be shuttled to Tohickon Valley Park.
- 8:00 P.M. Native American Celebration -- "The Rising Nation: A Treaty of Renewed Brotherhood" -- will be held at Tohickon Valley Park.
*All Sojourners are invited to attend.

Camping at Deer Wood/Doe Run Camping Sites at Tohickon Valley Park, Point Pleasant, Pa. (bathrooms, showers, pool, hiking trails, and other recreational amenities are available at this Bucks County park)

Many thanks to today's Sojourn Partners:

Bucks County Department of Parks & Recreation; Bucks County River Country; Delaware & Raritan Greenway; Delaware River Greenway Partnership; Friends of New Jersey State Museum; National Canoe Safety Patrol; New Jersey State Park Service, Washington Crossing Historic Park; "The Rising Nation"

"The 2002 Delaware River Sojourn was certainly one of the highlights of my summer. Paddling the expansive river alongside turtles, ducks, and fellow river enthusiasts was a delightful experience. The opportunity to canoe the local portion of the river (Lambertville, New Jersey to Yardley, Pennsylvania) was made more enjoyable by the reenactment of George Washington's historic crossing of the river. The Colonial era-themed festivities were both entertaining and informative. It was interesting to learn that the Delaware River played an important role in the Revolutionary War. Surprisingly, George Washington and his army crossed the river many times during the course of the revolution. The river served as both a means of attack and a line of defense against the invading British Army. Learning about the vital role that the Delaware River played in our nation's battle for independence heightened my appreciation of this resource. I look forward to the next Delaware River Sojourn."

- Alysa Suero, DRBC staffer

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Dear Friends,

Please accept my best wishes as you gather for the annual Delaware River Sojourn. I regret that the House's busy legislative schedule prevents me from being with you on this special occasion.

I am happy to be associated with the Delaware River Sojourn. Your organization and your mission to heighten awareness of, and appreciation for, the ecological, historical, recreational, and economic significance of the Delaware River is to be commended.

I am pleased that this event will seek to highlight the importance of George Washington's crossing of this river. What happened here over 200 years ago is an important American story that deserves to be told again and again. Washington's crossing is a victory that could not have come at a more important time. And it literally may have turned the tide for our young nation.

I have been pleased to support the Delaware River during my time in Congress, both promoting the historical significance of this great river and protecting the diverse natural elements. Last Congress I was pleased to introduce legislation with other Members of Congress for the area to designate the lower portion of the Delaware River as part of our nation's Wild and Scenic River system. Currently I am pleased to be working with Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen and local preservationists in an effort to designate the "Crossroads of the Revolution" Trail in central New Jersey, so that sites like Washington's Crossing will always be preserved.

Again, I appreciate the invitation to join you at today's event, and I applaud you for your efforts to protect and promote the Delaware River.

Sincerely,

RUSH HOLT
Member of Congress



Pa. DCNR Deputy Secretary Richard G. Sprenkle, Lord High Admiral for Day Five, mans the stern while Carol R. Collier, DRBC executive director and chair of the 2002 Sojourn Steering Committee, employs a bow stroke to help propel the canoe downstream.

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With “George Washington” and comrades looking on, DRBC Executive Director Carol R. Collier addresses Sojourners at Washington Crossing Historic Park in Pennsylvania, the spot where Gen. Washington launched his troops in Durham boats on a bitter Christmas night in 1776 en route to a decisive Revolutionary War victory.

Gen. Washington, portrayed by Robert Gerenser, explains to the Sojourners the importance of the Crossing, as Michelle Forbes listens intently.



The Sojourners enjoyed a “Colonial Lunch Feast,” including a colonial cooking presentation by Susan Plaisted, at Washington Crossing State Park in New Jersey.

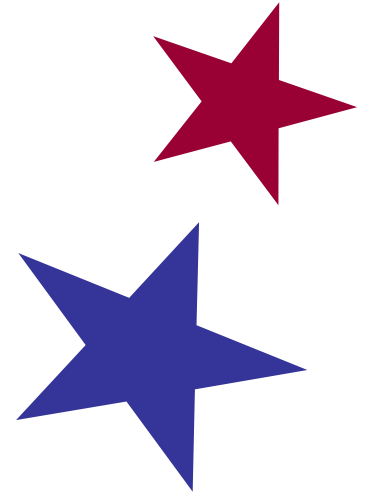
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(from left to right) Sojourn Steering Committee Chair Carol R. Collier (DRBC), Pa. DCNR Deputy Secretary Richard G. Sprenkle, New Jersey State Museum Curator of Cultural History James Turk, and Day Five Coordinator Linda Mead (Delaware & Raritan Greenway) at the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton.

Sojourners attended the inaugural reception hosted by "The Friends of the State Museum" to celebrate the museum's new exhibit, "River of Leisure," featuring recreation along the Delaware River and Bay.

The two paddles pictured were created by Sojourn Steering Committee Member Sandra Schultz (National Park Service) and signed by all 2002 Sojourners. One paddle was placed on display in the museum's exhibit.



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